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GUATEMALA ALSO FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ECON, NU

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF NICARAGUAN CAN REPRESENTATIVE

REF: MANAGUA 3306

1. WE WERE GUILTY OF AN ASSUMPTION IN THE REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJIA GONZALEZ AS VICE MINISTER FOR INTEGRATION IN COMMENTING ON HIS LIKELY EFFECTIVENESS IN PARTICIPATING IN THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE (CAN) MEETINGS ON THE NEW CACM TREATY. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, PRESIDENT SOMOZA APPOINTED DR. ROBERTO SOLARZANO MARIN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NICARAGUAN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY (CADIN) AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO CAN.

2. SOLARZANO TELLS THAT THE APPOINTMENT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE AND HE ACCEPTED IT ONLY AFTER CONSULTING WITH SOMOZA AS TO WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR ON PARTICULAR INTEGRATION POLICIES. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT INFORMED HIM HE WAS BEING APPOINTED BECAUSE THE PRIVATE SECTOR INTERESTS WERE PARAMOUNT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE WOULD GIVE SOLARZANO HIS FULL SUPPORT.

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THIS IS AN ABOUT FACE FROM THE ATTITUDE PREVAILING WHEN FORMER

VICE MINISTER ZELADON REPRESENTED NICARAGUA AT CAN.

3. AS CHANCE WOULD HAVE IT, SOLARZANO IS LEAVING SEPTEMBER 3 FOR THE U.S. UNDER THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNATIONAL VISITORS GRANT PROGRAM. THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CAN IN GUATEMALA CITY THIS MONTH AND SOLARZANO SAYS THAT SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WILL AWAIT HIS RETURN. HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH ROCAP DIRECTOR TRAGEN OR ALLEN WHEN IN GGUATEMALA.

4. BY THIS ACTION,SOMOZA SEEMS TO HAVE SETTLED THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATING GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR VIEWS ON INTEGRATION POLICIES. SOLARZANO, WHO WILL REMAIN IN CADIN, IS TO CONSULT WITH THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK IN DEVELOPING HIS POSITIONS ON THE DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES.

5. SOLARZANO WAS EDUCATED IN THE U.S., IS A PHARMACIST BY PROFESSION (HE IS A DIRECTOR OF HIS FAMILY OWNED PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM) ANDHIS HIGHEST POSITION IN PUBLIC SERVICE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE BANCO NACIONAL SOME YEARS AGO. THE SOLARZANO FAMILY IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT IN NICARAGUA.  
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